

I had a read through the Draft CSO Research Strategy this evening and thought that it was very good. I like the applied nature of it, however, as a patient I think an aim of scientific research in Scotland should be reducing health inequalities.

I do not like research being done purely as an intellectual exercise to solve scientific puzzles and think it is strange that the term "health inequalities" is not included in the CSO strategy. By health inequalities I primarily mean unjust differences in life expectancy and health determined by socio-economic factors, however, we can target scientific research at diseases or the prevention of diseases, suffered primarily by Scotland's poor. I think by doing this CSO could really say that it is using science to improve our society.